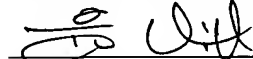


10/533896
JC06 Rec PCT/PTO 05 MAY 2005
#3

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.


Thomas P. Vita, Jr.

May 5, 2005
Date

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Naohisa Shinmura, Naohiko Shibata and Yukinobu Kujira

Title:

ACTUATOR DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted simultaneously with the filing of the above application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98. Copies of the references listed on form PTO/SB/08a are included herewith, as well as an English translation of each abstract.

Applicant makes no assertion regarding the materiality of the documents noted in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A & 08B (08-03) (Substitute for form 1449A/PTO). Applicant therefore requests that these documents be considered during the examination of the instant application.

JC06 Rec'd PCT/PTO 05 MAY 2005

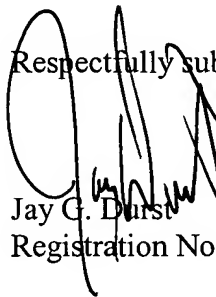
Information Disclosure Statement
In re: Application of: Shinmura et al.
Page 2

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the mailing of a first office action on the merits as permitted under § 1.97(b)(3) and, therefore, no fee is due at this time. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee(s) associated with this or any other communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,


Jay G. Durst
Registration No. 41,723

Dated: May 5, 2005

Customer Account No. 23,598
BOYLE FREDRICKSON NEWHOLM
STEIN & GRATZ S.C.
250 Plaza, Suite 1030
250 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Telephone: (414) 225-9755
Facsimile: (414) 225-9753
Attorney Docket: 693.011

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO			Complete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	(not assigned)	
			Filing Date	May 4, 2005	
			First Named Inventor	Shinmura	
			Art Unit	(not assigned)	
			Examiner Name	(not assigned)	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	693.010

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		JP 9-219957	08-19-1997	Asmo Co., Ltd.		
		JP 5-95177	12-24-1993	Asmo Co., Ltd.		
		JP 5-39168	05-25-1993	TGK Co., Ltd.		
		JP 3-183338	08-09-1991	T G K:KK		
		JP 9-308188	11-28-1997	Tokyo Parts Ind Co Ltd		
		WO 01/80407 A1	10-25-2001	Denso Corp		
				Webasto Vehicle		
				Systems International		
				GmbH		
		JP 9-107658	04-22-1997	Sankyo Seiki MFG Co		
				Ltd		
		JP 2002-267407	09-18-2002	Asmo Co Ltd		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.